

RE: Comp. Pol. File No. 667

Brand Services, a subsidiary of J.P. Morgan Partners, has several Frame Relay data circuits that are affected by the withdrawal of service by Touch America. We have begun the conversion of these circuits to Qwest, but during the cut-over planning process, it was determined that several of the existing Local Exchange Carrier local service loops could not be reused and new loops had to be ordered. While we anticipate this cut-over to be completed next week, the event of any problems could push this completion past the January 31, 2004 date for end of service from Touch America.

Brand Services formally requests temporary relief from the discontinuance of this service. In the event of a cut-over delay beyond the January 31, 2004 deadline would cause a severe disruption of service to our business units located in the Seattle, WA area during their financial end of month accounting processes.

Please kindly consider and grant this request for temporary delay of the service discontinuance to prevent an unnecessary economic burden on our organization.

Sincerely,

Jon Broyles
Network Administrator
Brand Services, Inc.